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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 4

1. NYT (PAGE 6) "FORD SAYS SOVIET AIDS PORTUGUESE REDS".
ARTICLE QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORTS. (ALSO POST)
2. WSJ EDITORIAL PAGE "THE GIVE AND TAKE OF DETENTE"
BY ROBERT KEATLEY. DETENTE ISN'T A NAIVE CAMPAIGN TO
PERSUADE MOSCOW TO BE FRIENDLY FOR FRIENDSHIP'S SAKE.
IT INVOLVES BUILDING A WEB OF RELATIONSHIPS TO KEEP THE
SOVIETS REASONABLY RESTRAINED.
3. WP (PAGE 1) "GRAIN SALES HELD UP FOR CROP REPORT".
SECRETARY BUTZ, IN CBS "FACE THE NATION" INDICATED THERE
IS PRACTICALLY A HOLD ON FURTHER SALES TO THE SOVIET
UNION UNTIL AUGUST 11 WHEN AGRICULTURE WILL REPORT ON
SIZE OF U.S.CRIP. HE SAID HE EXPECTS FURTHER SOVIET
PURCHASES ON WORLD MARKET -- "EITHER THEIR GOING TO BUY
SOME MORE OR CUT BACK SUBSTANTIALLY ON THEIR LIVESTOCK
POPULATION. THEY'LL PROBABLY DO BOTH". HE ADMITTED
THERE HAS BEEN SOME DIFFICULTY GETTING INFORMATION FROM
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USSR, BUT IT IS BETTER NOW THAN IN THE PAST. HE
MINIMIZED EFFECT OF SALES ON CONSUMER PRICES.

4. WSJ EDITORIAL "THE MEANING OF DIEGO GARCIA". REASON FOR U.S. BASE IS NOT TO PROVOKE CONFRONTATION BUT TO ESTABLISH CREDIBLE PRESENCE IN STRATEGIC REGION SO THAT AN AGGRESSIVE SUPERPOWER DOES NOT OBTAIN DOMINATION BY DEFAULT.

5. CSM - OPINION AND COMMENTARY - "WHY AMERICAN FEED THE RUSSIANS" BY RAY D. LAIRD. AS LONG AS SOVIET LEADERS INSIST ON COLLECTIVIZATION A PERMANENT CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE WILL CONTINUE AND THE AMERICAN FARMER WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A MAJOR OUTLET FOR HIS SURPLUS PRODUCTION.

6. CSM - EDITORIAL "HELSINKI WORDS...AND ACTIONS". DECLARATION SETS STANDARDS AGAINST WHICH EAST-WEST ACTIONS CAN BE MEASURED. IT CAN BE CITED ON SUCH QUESTION AS IMPROVED CONDITIONS OF TRADE, MORE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, REUNION OF FAMILIES. AGREEMENT ON EMIGRATION OF POLES OF GERMAN DESCENT IS THE KIND OF ACTION THAT CAN GIVE MEANING TO DECLARATION. INGERSOLL

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